PTO/SB/01A (08-03)
Approved for use through 06/30/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number.

## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN **APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

Title of Invention	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING OPTICAL RECEIVERS FRO	OM OVERLOAD OPTICAL SIGNALS			
As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:					
This declaration is directed to:					
	The attached application, or				
	Application No, filed on	,			
	as amended on	(if applicable);			
I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;					
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;					
I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.					
All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.					
FULL NIAME OF IND	N/ENTOP(0)				
FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)					
Inventor one: Rober	1+ Coll .				
Signature:	Citizen of: Canada				
Inventor two:					
Signature:	Citizen of:				
Inventor three:					
Signature:	Citizen of:				
Inventor four:					
Signature:	Citizen of:				
Additional inver	entors or a legal representative are being named on	additional form(s) attached hereto.			

This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 115 and 37 CFR 1.63. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 minute to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

## PATENT/DOCKET NO. 16436ROUS01U CUSTOMER NO. 020988

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Robert GRIFFIOEN	§ Attorney Docket No. 9-13528-216US
Serial No.: n/a	§ 9
Filed: Herewith	§ Group Art Unit: n/a
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING OPTICAL RECEIVERS FROM OVERLOAD OPTICAL SIGNALS	§ Examiner: n/a § §

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Nortel Networks Limited, a Canadian corporation having principal offices at:

Nortel Networks Limited 2351 Boulevard Alfred-Nobel St. Laurent, Quebec H4S 2A9, Canada

the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest to the invention for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING OPTICAL RECEIVERS FROM OVERLOAD OPTICAL SIGNALS, by Robert GRIFFIOEN and in and to the application for patent and any Letters Patent, whether domestic or foreign, that may issue thereon, by virtue of the assignment (check as applicable):

XX	Recorded Concurrently Herewith		
	Recorded on		
	Recorded at Reel	Frame	
	Copy Attached		

hereby appoints the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Ogilvy Renault 1981 McGill College Avenue Suite 1600 Montreal, Quebec Canada H3A 2Y3 (Customer No. 20988)

Rev. and Approved By PPG July 24, 2002

DOCSOTT: 267166\1

its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute all domestic and foreign patent applications, including PCT and EPO filings, relating to said invention and to transact all business connected therewith, including signing of all papers on its behalf and making alterations and amendments.

The undersigned is the representative for the Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above, and is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

NORTEL NETWORKS LIMITED

March 11, 2004

Date

Jeffrey Measures

IP Counsel

Title

Rev. and Approved By PPG July 24, 2002

DOCSOTT: 267166\1